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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/684,503 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1763  
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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR :  
THE FORMATION OF A METAL FILM

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2006, in further response to the Final Rejection dated May 26, 2006, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.